NORTHERN TIER HIGH ADVENTURE



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2026 REGISTRATION

CHECKLIST

Your Wilderness Adventure of a Lifetime begins here! Registering for a High Adventure Base expedition is an exciting experience, but you must "Be Prepared". To ensure a smooth process on registration day, we've prepared a checklist for the "Reservation Contact" who will be making your Northern Tier reservation.

Please read the following. <u>I understand that:</u>

- A non-refundable \$350.00 deposit per crew is required to complete my unit's registration. Payment methods include credit card/debit card, E-Check/ACH transfer.
- Registrations are finalized immediately when the deposit is processed, and a confirmation email is received. ("Build Your Own" adventures do have an extra step of approval to review availability.)
- Northen Tier operates on group reservations of set sizes, based on the adventure type and location chosen. Pricing does not change with fewer attending participants.
- I have carefully reviewed the eligibility requirements for Northern Tier programs. Participants in my unit will meet these eligibility requirements for the adventures we are signing up for.
- Once I've selected my group's desired session, I will have 20 minutes to fill out my payment information and finalize my reservation. If payment information is not ready, and my 20 minutes expires, I will have to start the process all over.
- Multiple crews for the same program and date can be made on a single reservation but if crews are arriving on different dates or participating in different programs, I will need to create multiple reservations.
- I have carefully reviewed several program and date offerings that my group is most interested in, and I have prioritized my unit's several top options so that if one of my options happens to fill up, I'll be ready to select an alternative option.
 - Be Prepared if your unit's first choice is unavailable! Do not reserve sessions unless you intend to keep them!
- I have carefully reviewed the fee structure for our chosen program(s), costs for large crews vs. small crews, "buy up" options, peak vs. off peak pricing options, permit costs, etc.
- Crews are responsible for adhering to the payment schedule. Failure to submit on-time payment will result in cancellation of the reservation.

Northern Tier's cancellation policy is: "All fees, including deposits, are non-refundable and nontransferable if a participant or crew cancels. Northern Tier commits financial resources to prepare for base operations, purchases supplies and food, and employs staff. Participants are expected to make a financial commitment to attend. Travel insurance is recommended."

To find the latest information on preparing for the Northern Tier experience, visit <u>www.ntier.org</u>

Important Notes for the Registration Process:

Reservation Contact: Designate an adult (21+ years old) who will manage your reservation and remain responsible for ensuring all reservation payments are submitted in compliance with the payment schedule. The "Reservation Contact" does not have to be a participating member of the crew(s) in the reservation.

Key responsibilities for the Reservation Contact include:

- 1. Submit the reservation(s) for the unit or council and pay the reservation deposit(s).
- 2. Submit all future payments through the registration software in accordance with payment schedules.
- 3. Pass on information to the unit from Northern Tier as it is disseminated through the year.
- 4. Follow the process of filling out each crew roster with all attending participants 90 days prior to the expedition start date.

Save Your Confirmation Email: Your confirmation email will provide information on your crew's reservation. It will also have a payment link that you can use to make all future payments.

Editing Your 2024 Reservation: To make changes to your 2024 Reservation, please contact the Northern Tier Registrar at <u>info@ntier.org</u>. (Editing reservation contact information, reviewing payment status, crew details, permitting information, etc. can all be managed with the registrar.)

Participant Guides: Northern Tier publishes an Advisor Guide and a Participant Handbook that serve as comprehensive resources to help you prepare for your expedition. (There are Winter and Summer versions, and they are updated annually.) Previous versions on the website are a helpful resource to help understand paperwork, training requirements, program experience information, and how to prepare for them.

After registering, please:

- 1. Review the payment schedule The first payment is due within 30 days of registering (20%).
 - a. Summer: Next payment is due by October 1st (40%). Final payment is due by April 1st.
 - b. Holiday Stay & Dog Programs: Final (Full) payment is due by May 1st
 - c. Okpik Winter Camping: Next payment is due May 15th (40%). Final payment is due October 1st.
 - d. NOTE: Payments of 20% or 40% noted above are for the <u>remaining</u> balances due.
- 2. Review and complete all required training and paperwork for your adventure.
- 3. As a crew, attempt the BSA swimmer's test early to see if anyone needs additional training or conditioning. There is plenty of time to get in shape with a training plan approved by their physician.

PLEASE NOTE: BSA National High Adventure Bases set baseline pricing 12-24 months prior to attendance. Additional fuel, food, utilities or other surcharges may be required based on economic conditions, increased costs, and other factors. If any such price change is implemented, the primary reservation contact will be notified directly, and a notice will be published on the registration page for affected adventures.

Scout Oath & Law, Leave No Trace: Northern Tier Adventures are unique opportunities for youth to experience the rich wilderness habitats of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness of Minnesota and the Quetico Provincial Park of Canada. Scouts and Adults who attend are expected to live by the Scout Oath and Law, abide by all wilderness area policies and procedures, as well as Leave No Trace principles.